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TECHNOLOGY POLICY 1983
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Technology Policy 1983 promised to encourage Scientific Research and Development;

(b) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to inordinate delay in granting approval and shortage of fund for carrying out Scientific Research works in the country;

(c) whether this is defeating the very purpose of developing indigenous technology as well as achieving technological self-reliance in critical areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): Technology Policy 1983 enunciated the principles on which the growth of technology in our country has been based over the past many years. It embodies a vision and strategy with emphasis on self-reliance which is very significant even today. However, in view of the major changes in science and technology around the world and to address globalization phenomena, the competitive environment and to recognize India's strength in the knowledge economy, the government announced a new 'Science and Technology Policy 2003' which encompasses the vision of Scientific Resolution of 1958 and the Technology Policy Statement of 1983.

There has been no shortage of funds or delay in granting approvals for carrying out Scientific Research. A substantial increase, more than double the 9th Plan outlay, in the tenth plan outlay for S & T Departments is a clear indication of the commitment of the Government in the overall development of science and technology in the country. Government is keen to promote and catalyse indigenous technology development through various new mechanisms/measures.